

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25, without prejudice. Kindly amend claims 26, 27 and 30, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claims 1 - 25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): A lithographic printing plate, comprising:

an silicated anodized aluminum plate having a surface covered at least in part with a coating, wherein a part of said coating defines an image by insolubility of said part in a developer, wherein said insoluble part contains a higher concentration of alkaline materials than the soluble part of said coating, and wherein said alkaline materials are responsible for changes in solubility of said ~~coatings~~ coating.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A lithographic printing plate as claimed in claim 26, wherein the ~~substrate comprises an~~ anodized silicated aluminum plate comprises a grained silicated anodized aluminum plate.

Claim 28 (presently presented): A lithographic printing plate as claimed in claim 26, wherein the coating has a thickness of 1 to 3 microns.

Claim 29 (presently presented): A lithographic printing plate, comprising:

an aluminum plate having a surface covered at least in part with a coating which coating is at least in part made photosensitive by inclusion of diazo compounds, wherein a part of said coating defines an image by insolubility of said image in a developer, wherein said insoluble image contains a higher concentration of alkaline materials than the soluble portion of said

coating, and wherein said alkaline materials are responsible for changes in solubility of said coating.

Claim 30 (currently amended): A lithographic printing plate as claimed in claim 29, wherein the substrate comprises an anodized aluminum plate.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A lithographic printing plate as claimed in claim 29, wherein the coating has a thickness of 1 to 3 microns.

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